

testing in the meat industry that have been languishing for months in the USDA. However, the agency has opposed legislation that would strengthen the current inspection program.

- Furthermore, current regulations do not require children, teachers, or parents to be informed that the school meals have been prepared with irradiated foods. We deserve the right-to-know what is being served in the nutrition programs offered in school. Using children as unwitting experimental subjects or to create a market for a technology that consumers don't want is reprehensible.

I strongly urge you to stop the process of implementing this change in USDA policy. There is good reason why irradiated food has been kept out of the nutritional programs that the USDA administers. Your hasty approval of this new policy could lead to more problems than it is designed to correct.

Sincerely,

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